

Appl. No. 10/824,993

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Notice of Allowance mailed 24 September 2004 indicating that pending Claims 1-6 are patentable over the prior art of record..

Newly added dependent Claims 12-17 all recite that metal M is zinc and thus narrow the scope of the allowed claims from which they depend.

Accordingly, Applicant requests entry of this Rule 312 Amendment.

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